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SUBJ: ARMS SHIPMENT TO ERITREA

1. ACCORDING DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE, WHOSE OWN SOURCE IS REGIONAL ARMS DEALER, GOS HAS PERMITTED SHIPMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF ARMS TRANSIT SUDAN ON WAY TO ERITREANS. SPECIFICALLY, SOURCE REPORTED THAT FIFTY-ONE TONS OF ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT ROCKETS AND SMALL ARMS, ORIGINATING IN SYRIA AND IRAQ, HAVE RECENTLY ARRIVED KHARTOUM BY AIR. PACKING CRATES, WHICH ARRIVED LABELED "VEGETABLES", WERE ALLEGEDLY RELABELED "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" (TO BETTER ACCOUNT FOR WEIGHT) BY SUDANESE SECURITY FORCES BEFORE ARMS PERMITTED TO CONTINUE TO DESTINATION IN ERITREA.

2. COMMENT. WHILE STORY INCONCLUSIVE, IT ECHOES EARLIER REPORTS OF SAME TONNAGE ARMS ARRIVING KHARTOUM AIRPORT EARLY DEC. AND LENDS WEIGHT TO ETHIOPIAN CONVICTION THAT GOS INDEED ASSISTING IN SUPPLYING ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO ERITREANS.
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